

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three (3)-month extension of time to extend the period for response from January 5, 2001 up to and including April 5, 2001. A check in the amount of \$890.00 is enclosed to pay the required fee. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due with this petition or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Specification:

Replace the last paragraph of page 12 (lines 27-30) with the following new paragraph:

Other suitable techniques (modified anti-solvent (GAS) techniques) include: Precipitation with Compressed Anti-Solvents (PCA) procedure (Dixon *et al.*, *AIChE Journal*, **1993**, 39, 127-139; and Supercritical Anti-Solvent (SAS) procedure (Yeo *et al.*, *Biotech.Bioeng.*, **1993**, 41, 341-346) or Aerosol Solvent Extraction System (ASES) (DE744329).

Replace pages 22, 23, 24 and 26 with new pages 22, 23, 24 and 26, respectively, as follows: